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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Manabu AMIKURA

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For: PROCESSING APPARATUS

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of December 23, 2008, to which the time for response was set to expire March 23, 2009. Accompanying this Response is an Interview Request Form and Petition for a three-month Extension of Time with the requisite fee for filing on or before June 23, 2009. In view of the following remarks, reconsideration and favorable action respectfully are requested.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.